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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: APPARATUS FOR TREATING VOLUME-REDUCED POLYSTYRENE RESIN IN  
GEL STATE FOR MATERIAL SEPARATION AND RECOVERY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the  
accompanying pages.

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